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1. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE UNCLEAR STATUS OF GREECE
IN NATO AS WELL AS THE HEAVY RATION OF USG/GOG BILATERAL
CONTACTS FOR NOW AND THE NEAR-TERN FUTURE, WE ARE
RELUCTANT TO ENCOURAGE AT THIS TIME AN ALL-OUT EFFORT
HERE IN SUPPORT OF AUGMENTING THE INFRANSTRUCTURE CEILING.
IN A MORE GENERAL SENSE, WE WILL CONTINUE, HOWEVER, TO
TAKE EVERY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO URGE GREECE'S
RETURN TO THE NATO FOLD, FOR THIS IS THE KEY ISSUE. IF
WE UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT SITUATION CORRECTLY, UNDER
THE INTERIM POLICY REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE, GREECE CON-
TINUES TO ACT AS A HOST COUNTRY AND INCURS EXPENDITURES
FOR THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WHICH WERE AUTHORIZED
BEFORE AUGUST 28, 1974, AND WHICH ARE NOT FOR WORKS AT
INSTALLATIONS USED ONLY BY GREEK FORCES.

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2. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE

NOT BE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH THE GOG AT THIS TIME PER
PARA 1 (B) OF REF A SCENARIO. RATHER, WE WOULD RECOM-
MEND THAT USNATO INITIALLY SOLICIT SUPPORT FROM THE
GREEK NATO DELEGATION. AS PREPARATIONS FOR THE DECEMBER
MINISTERIAL PROCEED, AND WITH THE GREEK DEL'S REACTIONS
IN HAND, WE WOULD PLAN TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK.

3. REGRET DELAYED REPLY.
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